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BEFORE THE
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

COUNTY OF LASALLE, ILLINOIS) DOCKET NO.
) 11-0085
)
Petition for Approval of a 9-1-1)
Emergency Telephone System.)

Springfield, Illinois
Wednesday, March 23, 2011

Met, pursuant to notice, at 1:00 p.m.

BEFORE:

MR. JOHN ALBERS, Administrative Law Judge

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May I have the appearances for the
record, please?

MR. ESCUTIA: Venancio Escutia. It's easier
Benny. Frontier Communications Project Manager.

MR. ESCUTIA: It is E as in Edward, S as in Sam, C as in Cat, U as in Umbrella, T as in Tom, I as in Ivan, A as in Apple. I can spell my official name, too, if you would like, V as in Victor, E-N-A-N-C-I-O, also known as Benny, if it is easier.

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1 consultant for LaSalle County ETSB.

2 MR. YASM: Curt Yasm, C-U-R-T, Y-A-S-M, last
3 name spelling. I am 9-1-1 Director for LaSalle
4 County.

5 MR. TEMPLETON: And I am Tom Templeton,
6 T-E-M-P-L-E-T-O-N. I am the sheriff of LaSalle
7 County and Chairman of the ETSB.

8 JUDGE ALBERS: Thank you. Let the record
9 reflect there are others wishing to enter an
10 appearance.

11 Are there any preliminary matters or
12 any questions about the process today?

13 Moving on then, I do have one
14 clarifying question for one of you gentlemen and
15 obviously I will be asking you for a recommendation
16 later, Ms. Ross. I will go ahead and swear in those
17 who might be offering testimony today. So, is there
18 any particular lead person?

19 (Whereupon the witnesses were
20 duly sworn by Judge Albers.)

21 JUDGE ALBERS: I guess I will go ahead and ask
22 my first question here, just to get that out of the

1 way. I understand that some of the municipalities in
2 LaSalle County already had or have 9-1-1 systems.
3 Will they continue to be independent or are they
4 integrated into the countywide system?

5 MR. KNIGHTS: There are eight separate ETSBs
6 now, and at this point they are all remaining
7 independent. So the County is the ninth ETSB.

8 JUDGE ALBERS: Okay. Are there -- oh, my gosh,
9 the phrase has slipped my mind.

10 MR. KNIGHTS: No man's land?

11 JUDGE ALBERS: No reciprocal, assistance
12 agreements. I can't think of the phrase.

13 MR. KNIGHTS: We have agreements with all the
14 emergency service providers in the county. There are
15 not -- the only reciprocal agreement would be with
16 Mendota who is serving as the back-up.

17 JUDGE ALBERS: Just your back-up, okay. That's
18 was what I was wondering. Thank you.

19 And, Ms. Ross, did you have any
20 questions?

21 MS. ROSS: I was -- there was just one question
22 I have for the County here. If you remember we had

1 Ladd Fire District. Did you ever get an agreement
2 planned with them?

3 MR. KNIGHTS: We have not.

4 MS. ROSS: And you don't anticipate getting
5 one?

6 MR. KNIGHTS: We have sent them a registered
7 letter. It's been signed and picked up. We included
8 it in the package. We cannot get any response from
9 Ladd.

10 MS. ROSS: So at this time they are on the
11 adjacent agency list in here. And since there is no
12 agreement, I would kind of consider that shouldn't be
13 on the list. And if at a later date you do sign an
14 agreement, that would just be something you would
15 file with us, just like with the annual filing.

16 So I guess we should just make a note
17 on that one exhibit that the Ladd Fire District is
18 not an adjacent agency.

19 JUDGE ALBERS: Is that L-A-D-D?

20 MS. ROSS: L-A-D-D, uh-huh.

21 MR. ESCUTIA: So Ladd would be removed from the
22 list?

1 MS. ROSS: Right.

2 MR. KNIGHTS: That's on, what, 14?

3 MS. ROSS: I believe, yeah. In the application
4 it was Exhibit 14, under Tab 14, actually.

5 And also just a quick clarifying
6 question, Rick. Do you have the agreements for the
7 opt-ins and opt-outs that are going on?

8 MR. KNIGHTS: Yes.

9 MS. ROSS: And there is one with Putnam County
10 and it has to do with the residents that are being
11 opted out from Granville to Putnam?

12 MR. KNIGHTS: Yes.

13 MS. ROSS: And do you have these -- I know it
14 is on the other thing that you have. There are these
15 couple that are highlighted. I see the two are the
16 ones that you are opting out, but then these ones are
17 highlighted.

18 MR. KNIGHTS: Right.

19 MS. ROSS: It says those two are Putnam County
20 residents. Does Putnam already handle those
21 residents?

22 MR. KNIGHTS: They should have been, but they

1 weren't included in their ALI data base, even though
2 they were --

3 MS. ROSS: So those people, were they being
4 answered by Putnam or not?

5 MR. KNIGHTS: I don't believe so. I believe
6 they were being sent to the seven digit at LaSalle
7 County by mistake.

8 MS. ROSS: All right. That's basically all I
9 need.

10 See, there is both Marshall and Putnam
11 are taking some customers from LaSalle, just for ease
12 of doing business, and we are expecting modifications
13 from both of those. Marshall has filed one and
14 Putnam's is coming in shortly. So until those get
15 approved, those customers can't be sent to those
16 counties yet. So it is going to be kind of, as far
17 as that goes, conditional upon those two Orders
18 getting approved.

19 JUDGE ALBERS: Would Staff want to hold off on
20 Commission action on this docket until the other two
21 are addressed?

22 MS. ROSS: No, not necessarily. It could be

1 that we go ahead and approve it, and we wouldn't
2 allow the cutover to actually occur until we have the
3 Orders from those two.

4 JUDGE ALBERS: Okay. So you don't see any
5 impediment to a Commission Order in this docket?

6 MS. ROSS: No, not at all.

7 MR. ESCUTIA: Which are those again that are
8 still pending?

9 MS. ROSS: Marshall County.

10 MR. ESCUTIA: You haven't received it or do you
11 have it?

12 MS. ROSS: I have their filing. I filed it
13 yesterday. And if you want the docket number, it is
14 11-0278. I have seen a draft of Putnam County's that
15 had a couple things to change that should be coming
16 in. And, yeah, as far as Mendota, you said Mendota
17 is going to be -- you are going to be back-up for
18 Mendota eventually?

19 MR. KNIGHTS: Yes, eventually.

20 MS. ROSS: So eventually they will have to do a
21 filing, but that doesn't affect the cutover right
22 now.

1 MR. KNIGHTS: We figured that we couldn't file
2 that changeover until this was actually an
3 approved --

4 MS. ROSS: Right, because they couldn't send
5 their calls if it wasn't ready to go, obviously.

6 MR. ESCUTIA: Just to confirm, they will be
7 backing each other up.

8 MR. KNIGHTS: Eventually. Right now Mendota is
9 still being backed up by Streator.

10 MS. ROSS: That's the only questions I have for
11 the actual county. I have a couple questions for
12 Benny.

13 JUDGE ALBERS: Do you want me to go ahead and
14 swear him in then?

15 MS. ROSS: Oh, you didn't swear him.

16 (Whereupon the witness was duly
17 sworn by Judge Albers.)

18 MS. ROSS: This is just about the data base.
19 Do you have the current error ratio for the data
20 base?

21 MR. ESCUTIA: From the last meeting we had, the
22 current data base error ratio is 97 percent.

1 MS. ROSS: So we are getting close to being
2 complete?

3 MR. ESCUTIA: Correct.

4 MS. ROSS: And you won't be cutting them over
5 until they are one percent or less?

6 MR. ESCUTIA: Correct.

7 MS. ROSS: And do you have any idea, any
8 estimate, of when you think feasibility you might be
9 online, the target date?

10 MR. ESCUTIA: It all depends on the testing.
11 Obviously, as you are aware there is 40 percent
12 access use testing for each resident, each exchange.
13 The time frame that we are trying to aim for was
14 within three months, correct, to try to get the
15 testing done.

16 MR. KNIGHTS: We will probably start testing
17 next week, pending approval.

18 MR. ESCUTIA: Obviously, if the county -- if
19 they are getting a lot of cooperation from their
20 residents, it could be done quicker. But just from
21 past experiences, I think -- and especially the
22 sheriff indicated they have a big area they need to

1 cover and they need tests.

2 MS. ROSS: Uh-huh. I was just kind of looking
3 for a ballpark.

4 MR. ESCUTIA: I think three months is somewhat
5 of a good estimate. It is just an estimate right
6 now.

7 MS. ROSS: Okay. That's all I have.

8 JUDGE ALBERS: And then do the petitioners have
9 any exhibits they want admitted or is everything
10 already included in the initial filing?

11 MR. KNIGHTS: I think we have everything
12 included in the application.

13 JUDGE ALBERS: That's fine. Ms. Ross, did you
14 have any exhibits you wanted moved?

15 MS. ROSS: No.

16 JUDGE ALBERS: Would you like to give a
17 recommendation?

18 MS. ROSS: Sure. Staff has reviewed the
19 application and finds everything meets all the
20 requirements of Part 725 and sees no reason why the
21 application shouldn't be granted.

22 JUDGE ALBERS: Subject to the removal of the

1 Ladd Fire Department from an adjacent agency?

2 MS. ROSS: Okay with that.

3 JUDGE ALBERS: I mean, do you want the Order to

4 spell it out?

5 MS. ROSS: No, it doesn't need to be specified.

6 It is just a removal of something from an exhibit.

7 JUDGE ALBERS: All right. I don't think there

8 is anything else for the record today, unless any of

9 you folks have something you want to mention.

10 MR. ESCUTIA: No, I am good right now.

11 JUDGE ALBERS: All right. Well, if that's the

12 case then, I don't think there is any reason to leave

13 the record open, so I will mark the record heard and

14 taken.

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